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Asbestos Dumps in New Jersey

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Dennis Faherty telephoned Mr. Peter Hauge, New Jersey Department of Health - Occupational Health, (984-1863), to familiarize him with the problem of asbestos dumps in the State and to request assistance from the Department of Health in notifying the homeowners of the health risks.

Mr. Hauge informed me that the asbestos type shingles are firmly bonded with cement, and therefore are not as hazardous as loose asbestos that had been used as boiler insulation. I explained my concern for the people living there, since vehicles driving over the material would kick up both cement and asbestos dust.

Mr. Hauge recommended that I obtain grab samples of the dust to verify the presence of asbestos. He also suggested I speak to the homeowners and warn them of the potential health hazards.

I will compile a package of samples, photographs, maps and memos associated with the asbestos dumps and forward this information to Mr. Hauge.

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